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SUBJ: POPULATION--QUALITY OF CONDOMS

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1. IN JUNE-JULY 1974 MISSION RECEIVED SEVERAL SCATTERED COMPLAINTS FROM THE FIELD INDICATING RELATIVE FRAGILITY, EASY BREAKAGE OF AID-PROVIDED COLORED (TAHITI) CONDOMS. TESTING CONDUCTED THEN BY NATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF FERTILITY CONTROL, INCLUDING THE 3000 CC WATER TEST, DID NOT DEMONSTRATE THESE OR ANY OTHER DEFECTS. ROUTINE TESTING OF INCOMING BATCHES OF COLORED CONDOMS FROM ALL DONORS HAS TURNED UP NO PROBLEMS, NOR HAVE ANY FURTHER COMPLAINTS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE FIELD RELATING TO COLORED CONDOMS PAST 3 YEARS.

2. INTERESTINGLY, HOWEVER, IN PLANNING FOR COMMERCIAL DISTRIBUTION OF CONDOMS GOVERNMENT POPULATION PLANNING DIVISION AND ITS COMMERCIAL CONTRACTORS RECENTLY DECIDED TO OFFER TWO QUALITIES OF CONDOMS, ONE RETAILING AT RS.1 FOR 3 PIECES AND THE OTHER AT RS.0.50 FOR 3. CONFORM CONDOMS HAVE BEEN SELECTED AS THE MORE EXPENSIVE BRAND AND COLORED

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TAHITI AS THE CHEAPER. THIS DECISION WAS NOT BASED ON QUALITY, COLOR OR OTHER PRETESTING.

3. THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT CONDOM PROBLEM HERE ACTUALLY CONFIRMED RELATES TO EXCESSIVE LUBRICATION OF NON-COLORED TROJAN-ENZ CONDOMS PROCURED BY AID FROM HOLLAND-RONTOS.

4. MISSION JOINS USAID/JAKARTA IN RECOMMENDING OPAQUE
FOIL WRAPPER TO HIDE UNDESIRABLE BUT HARMLESS FEATURES.
THOUGH THIS WILL OBVIOUSLY ALSO HIDE COLOR, OUR EXPERIENCE
THUSFAR INDICATES THAT NO SIGNIFICANT PREFERENCE FOR COLORED
CONDOMS HAS DEVELOPED AND DOUBT THAT IT WILL IN THE FUTURE.

5. ALSO SUGGEST MORE STUDY OF TAHITIS UNDER CONDITIONS
EXCESSIVE HUMIDITY AND EXPOSURE TO SUN, COMPARING WITH
CONFORM OR OTHER AKWELL NON-COLORED CONDOMS.
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